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***Raised Bill No. 5689***

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO PROVISIONS AFFECTING  
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 16a-7c of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2006*):

4 (b) On or after December 1, 2004, not later than fifteen days after the  
5 filing of an application pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of  
6 said section 16-50i, except for an application for a facility described in  
7 subdivision (5) or (6) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i, as amended, or  
8 a facility described in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of said section  
9 16-50i that is not part of a project that includes a facility described in  
10 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of said section 16-50i with a voltage of  
11 three hundred forty-five kilovolts or more, the Connecticut Energy  
12 Advisory Board shall issue a request-for-proposal to seek alternative  
13 solutions to the need that will be addressed by the proposed facility in  
14 such application. Such request-for-proposal shall, where relevant,  
15 solicit proposals that include distributed generation or energy  
16 efficiency measures. The board shall publish such request-for-proposal

17 in one or more newspapers or periodicals, as selected by the board.

18 Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 16-50l of the  
19 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
20 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

21 (2) On or after December 1, 2004, the filing of an application  
22 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall initiate the request-  
23 for-proposal process, except for an application for a facility described  
24 in subdivision (5) or (6) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i, as amended,  
25 or a facility described in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of said section  
26 16-50i that is not part of a project that includes a facility described in  
27 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of said section 16-50i with a voltage of  
28 three hundred forty-five kilovolts or more.

29 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 16-243a of the general statutes is  
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
31 *1, 2006*):

32 (a) As used in this section, "avoided costs" means the incremental  
33 costs to an electric public service company, municipal electric energy  
34 cooperative organized under chapter 101a or municipal electric utility  
35 organized under chapter 101, of electric energy or capacity or both  
36 which, but for the purchase from a private power producer, as defined  
37 in section 16-243b, such company, cooperative or utility would  
38 generate itself or purchase from another source. For the purposes of  
39 this section, an electric distribution company's avoided cost is zero if  
40 the company purchases generation services pursuant to section 16-244c  
41 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

42 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) Notwithstanding any limitation  
43 imposed by its charter, each domestic electric company is authorized  
44 and empowered to generate and transmit electric energy, and to  
45 acquire utility facilities necessary or convenient for the purposes of its  
46 electric utility business or undivided interests therein and to operate  
47 the same, anywhere within or without this state, provided nothing in

48 this section shall be construed to authorize such a company to sell  
49 electric energy in this state to any person, or within any area, except as  
50 otherwise authorized by its charter or the general statutes. For  
51 purposes of this section, "domestic electric company" means an electric  
52 company or electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1 of  
53 the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, any membership electric  
54 cooperative organized under chapter 597 and any municipal electric  
55 utility or municipal electric energy cooperative, as defined respectively  
56 in section 7-233b of the general statutes that has been chartered by or  
57 organized or constituted within or under the laws of this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	16a-7c(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	16-50l(a)(2)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	16-243a(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	16a-7c(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	16-50l(a)(2)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	16-243a(a)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To create an exception to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board's request for proposal process for certain electric substations or switchyards, to extend provisions regarding avoided costs of the generation of electricity to the purchase of electricity under the electric restructuring provisions, and to reinstate language regarding the operation of domestic electric companies.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*